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	4,672,871	6/87	Gudmestad			
	4,806,737	2/89	Coates			
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	4,722,384	2/88	Matsutani			
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A graph on a grid showing a decreasing, concave function. The curve starts at the top left and curves downwards to the right, passing through the intersection of the vertical line $x=3$ and the horizontal line $y=2$. The curve is concave, meaning its slope is increasing (becoming less negative) as x increases.

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